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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Activities to facilitate the provision of financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of national communications

Note by the secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The activities of the secretariat to facilitate the provision of financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of national communications are mandated by Article 8.2 (e) of the Convention and various decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP) (see decisions 3/CP.2, 10/CP.2, 12/CP.4 and 8/CP.5).[1]

2. In particular, decision 10/CP.2 requests the secretariat "to facilitate assistance to Parties, particularly developing country Parties, in the preparation of their initial communications, through the organization of workshops at the regional level; to provide a forum for the exchange of experiences in the development of emission factors and activity data for the estimation of the inventory, as well as, on request, for other elements of information in the initial communication; and to provide a report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at each of their sessions".

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[1] For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second , fourth and fifth sessions, see documents FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1, FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1 and FCCC/CP/1999/6/Add.1 respectively.

3. The present progress report covers the activities undertaken by the secretariat since the eleventh sessions of the subsidiary bodies (Bonn, 25 October to 5 November 1999).

4. Sections II A and II B provide a short update on the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties[2]. Sections II C to II I summarize the activities of the secretariat to facilitate assistance to Parties, including activities to facilitate the work of the consultative group of experts, regional workshops and expert group meetings, information exchange, training, National Communications Support Programme (NCSP) activities, and other relevant activities. Section III contains conclusions on problems, constraints, issues and lessons common to non-Annex I Parties during the preparation of their initial national communications.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

A. Status of preparation of initial national communications

5. Based on the information provided by non-Annex I Parties and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the responses to a questionnaire sent out by the secretariat in April 2000 and other questionnaires distributed earlier, the status of preparation of initial national communications is briefly summarized as follows:

(a) *Communications submitted.* As of April 2000, 25 initial national communications have been received from the following Parties: Jordan, Argentina, Uruguay, Senegal, the Federated States of Micronesia, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Egypt, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Lebanon, Chile, El Salvador and Lesotho;

(b) In addition, Argentina, the Federated States of Micronesia and Uruguay have submitted an addendum to their initial national communications;

(c) *Communications under preparation.* The majority of non-Annex I Parties (100 Parties) are presently engaged in preparing their national communications;

(d) *Approved projects.* Five non-Annex I Parties have recently received approval for funding from the GEF for the preparation of their initial national communications;

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[2] A more detailed overview of the status of preparation of initial national communications of non-Annex I Parties will be made available on a regular basis in the UNFCCC secretariat web site from September 2000 onwards. This table will summarize the responses of non-Annex I Parties to a questionnaire regularly distributed by the secretariat, as well as information provided by the Global Environment Facility, its implementing agencies and bilateral programmes.

(e) *Projects under preparation*. Three non-Annex I Parties are currently preparing project proposals for GEF funding;

(f) *Activities to be initiated*. Three non-Annex I Parties indicated that they have not yet initiated activities to prepare their national communications, and seven non-Annex I Parties have yet to provide any information relating to the preparation of their national communications.

B. Status of preparation of second national communications

6. One Party (Uruguay) has submitted a project proposal for the second national communication, while two Parties (Mexico and Senegal) have expressed their intention to initiate activities for preparing their second national communications.

7. Five Parties (Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe) have submitted project proposals for interim funding of enabling activities Phase II, which will strengthen activities initiated in the preparation of initial national communications and may lead to project proposals for the second national communications.

C. Support to the consultative group of experts on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

8. As mandated by decision 8/CP.5, paragraph 5, the UNFCCC secretariat has been facilitating the establishment of the consultative group of experts on national communications from non-Annex I Parties. According to the annex to that decision, the main objective of the group is to improve the process of preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties.

9. The five experts representing the Latin America and the Caribbean region, the six experts from Annex I Parties and the three experts representing organizations with relevant experience in national communications from non-Annex I Parties, have been appointed. The secretariat has been informed that the African regional group will nominate its experts shortly. Consultations are under way in the Asia and the Pacific group, and it is expected that nomination would be made during the first two days of the pre-sessional week of the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

10. The first meeting of the consultative group is scheduled for 8 and 9 June 2000 in Bonn, Germany. An oral report of this meeting will be made to the SBI at its twelfth session.

11. The secretariat will facilitate the organization of three regional workshops per year. The first workshop is scheduled for 8 to 12 May 2000 in Mexico City, Mexico. A report on this workshop will also be made available to the SBI at its twelfth session.

12. An email LISTSERV, intended to facilitate the discussions of the consultative group, has been established and is maintained by the secretariat. Members of the list include the experts nominated by the Parties, the three experts from organizations with relevant experience selected by the secretariat, and secretariat staff.

D. Regional workshops and expert group meetings

13. During the eleventh sessions of the subsidiary bodies, and in response to decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1 (a) the secretariat organized the "Third Forum on Emission Factors and Activity Data of Greenhouse Gas Inventories of non-Annex I Parties". The forum discussed project concept notes on the improvement of the quality of local and regional emission factors and activity data developed in a previous workshop held from 4 to 6 August 1999 in Accra, Ghana (FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.6). The participants also discussed a technical paper on "Comparative analysis of emission factors and activity data used in the estimation of GHG emissions in the land-use change and forestry and energy sectors by some developing countries" (FCCC/TP/1999/3), and shared their experience.

14. In addition, the secretariat has also contributed to the following workshops:

(a) Regional workshop for the Arab States on GHG Inventory, organized by the Gulf Cooperation Council in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 14 to 16 November 1999. The main objective of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for delegates to exchange experience in the preparation of GHG inventories. Statements reflected the regional efforts in addressing climate change issues, and expressed concern about the adverse impacts of response measures on the countries in the region. The secretariat made two presentations. The first focused on the guidelines for the preparation of initial national communications, and the second on issues and problems related to the preparation of GHG inventories. The workshop recommended that efforts be made to facilitate assistance to countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council[3] in preparing various elements of their national communications through participation in workshops organized by the UNFCCC secretariat;

(b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Workshop on "Initial National Communications: Lessons Learnt and Best Practices", held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 14 to 15 December 1999. This workshop was addressed to Parties that have submitted their initial national communications. Its main objectives were to: (a) exchange experience in solving various problems related to the preparation of initial national communications; and (b) identify further activities required for maintaining and improving the quality and comprehensiveness of national communications pursuant to recent decisions of the COP. Apart from providing comments on the agenda and on the organization of work of the workshop, the secretariat made presentations on the preparation of initial national communications, and on decisions of COP 4 and COP 5 of relevance to developing countries;

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[3] Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

(c) During the meeting on "Effects of Climate Change in Developing Countries", organized by Germanwatch, a non-governmental organization, in Bonn, 7 February 2000, the secretariat made a presentation on adaptation issues within the framework of the UNFCCC intergovernmental process, with particular focus on the preparation of national communications. This workshop was addressed to development agencies, non-governmental organizations and some developing countries. Its main aim was to identify how different actors, including research institutes, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, could assist developing countries in assessing their vulnerability to climate change, and to identify adaptation options;

(d) Twelfth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 2 to 7 March 2000. The secretariat made a presentation focusing on issues related to non-Annex I Parties' implementation of the Convention, and, in particular, the role of preparing the national communication in strengthening planning capacity. The secretariat also stressed its efforts to facilitate developing country Parties' participation in negotiations and provided feedback on decisions of COP 5 relevant to the Parties of the region. The main objectives of this workshop were to: (a) better incorporate environmental concerns into national development planning; (b) improve implementation of multilateral environment agreements, in particular on climate change; and (c) address priorities established by the Ministers within the framework of the Regional Action Plan and the Agenda of the Forum of Ministers.

E. CC:FORUM

15. The eleventh meeting of CC:FORUM was held on 28 October 1999 in Bonn, Germany, in conjunction with the eleventh sessions of the subsidiary bodies. CC:FORUM is an informal consultative group involving Parties, United Nations agencies, regional, international and intergovernmental agencies, and bilateral and multilateral financial and technical cooperation programmes. It provides a platform for stakeholders to exchange views on technical and financial support to non-Annex I Parties for the implementation of the Convention and for the preparation of national communications.

16. Representatives from Chile, Georgia, Lebanon and Uzbekistan made presentations on the main lessons learned from the preparation of their initial national communications. They also highlighted their plans to continue the climate change activities beyond the initial national communications. Presentations were followed by a panel discussion on the priority areas for future work and the assistance needed beyond the preparation of the initial national communications.

F. Information exchange

17. The secretariat has continued to disseminate the CC:INFO/Web Tutorial Kit 1.0 on CD-ROM. The CC:INFO/Web initiative was designed to encourage Parties to develop national web sites on climate change and the implementation of the Convention, and to foster the growth of a network of such sites for sharing information and ideas. This CD-ROM contains a step-by-step tutorial kit and key software.

18. As of 25 April 2000, 20 non-Annex I Parties have linked their national web sites to that of the secretariat. These are: Belize, Brazil, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Seychelles, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In addition, more than 40 non-Annex I Parties have proposed to develop a national web site as part of their GEF funded enabling activity projects. Parties are welcome to provide the secretariat with the addresses of their national web sites so that they can be linked to that of the secretariat.

19. Information relevant to the facilitation of assistance for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, such as links to relevant sites, training material and technical papers, is being made available under the page describing the activities of the Non-Annex I Implementation Subprogramme (please refer to www.unfccc.int/program/nimp1.html)

20. The secretariat has also continued to make available on its web site the full text of the national communications that have been submitted electronically. At present, 19 initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties are available on the web site. These are: Armenia, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Mauritius, Mexico, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, Senegal, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe.

21. The secretariat is seeking to improve the Parties' access to its data and information. An Internet-based database on the roster of experts has been made available on a password-protected basis. The roster database can be searched by country, existing data updated and data on new experts added. It is proposed that this approach will be expanded to other data based on experience gained with the roster of experts database.

22. A new project that seeks to improve the Parties' access to data and information in the French language has been initiated. It will develop a French language gateway or "portal" that will provide information about the Convention process, the secretariat and other sources of information in French. In addition, it will guide the Parties to all documents in the French language.

G. Training

23. CC:TRAIN, a joint initiative of the UNFCCC secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), has continued to provide training services and support to non-Annex I Parties in implementing the UNFCCC.

24. After officially completing its Phase II at COP 5, thanks to the support of the Government of Switzerland, CC:TRAIN is now continuing to provide training services at cost to requesting Parties and is planning for a Phase III of its project life. The programme will focus on developing training materials and certificate courses to anticipate Parties' needs as they move along in the UNFCCC process. CC:TRAIN will also be introducing an innovative training approach through computer-based distance learning. While continuing to support developing countries in completing their national communications, CC:TRAIN will also focus on integrating climate change into national development policies and other environmental issues.

25. CC:TRAIN has continued to respond to countries' requests to conduct thematic workshops. A workshop on "Inventory and Mitigation Analysis" was organized from 29 November to 3 December 1999 in Tehran, Iran, while another on "Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment" is scheduled on 5 to14 June 2000. In addition, at the request of the climate change project in Cambodia, CC:TRAIN conducted a workshop on "National Greenhouse Gases Inventory" in Phnom Penh from 29 November to 3 December 1999. From 27 to 28 April 2000, it will also conduct a training workshop on "Preparing National Communications". Discussions are under way to organize workshops on "Preparing a Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment" and "Preparing a Mitigation Analysis" for the Cambodian country team. Ethiopia also requested CC:TRAIN to organize a workshop on "Mitigation Analysis". This was held in Addis Ababa from 21 to 25 February 2000. The Ethiopian team may also benefit from a workshop on "Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment", yet to be scheduled.

26. The certificate course on "Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment" developed in partnership with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme and the International Global Change Institute was first offered at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, from 14 June to 1 October 1999. The University is planning to repeat the course from 26 June to 13 October 2000. In addition, the University of Mexico has agreed to launch the same course, subject to fund-raising. CC:TRAIN is also planning to transfer the course to the Blaustein Institute for Desert Research in Israel and the University of Zimbabwe. Building on the success of this certificate course, CC:TRAIN is exploring possible partnerships with the Energy and Development Research Centre at the University of Cape Town, South Africa and the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand to develop a similar course on "Mitigation Analysis".

H. National Communications Support Programme (NCSP)

27. The secretariat has continued to play an active role in the NCSP, by co-chairing its advisory committee and by ensuring that the needs of non-Annex I Parties are fully addressed in the implementation of the programme.

28. The NCSP, jointly implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNEP and funded by the GEF, was initiated in late 1998 to provide technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their initial national communications and fulfilling their commitments to the UNFCCC. Through its work with more than a hundred countries, the Support Programme is contributing to developing national capacity to deal with key climate change issues. The technical assistance provided to countries includes thematic workshops on greenhouse gas inventories, abatement options analysis, and vulnerability and adaptation assessment.

29. The Support Programme has conducted 15 thematic workshops in almost all subregions. Six other thematic workshops will be organized by the end of 2000. As a result of these thematic workshops, several concerns have been raised as to how best to address such themes in the near future. These include: vulnerability and adaptation assessment as well as land-use change and forestry issues in Central America, the development of regional climate scenarios in the Caribbean, emission factors in Eastern Europe and the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and guidelines for adaptation and socio-economic impacts in the Arab States. The Support Programme follows a flexible approach that promotes country-driven discussions and strengthens input from national experts in the implementation of their activities.

30. The Support Programme will also be organizing a series of regional workshops during the year 2000. These workshops will allow countries to take a more comprehensive look at priority issues identified at the thematic workshops in order to assess ways to improve the national communications process.

31. Another important activity of the Support Programme is the technical assistance provided to countries through the hotline. Country requests vary from general issues such as project management, to very specific technical questions such as the use of a particular model for the implementation of their studies. Feedback on the components of draft national communications is also provided to countries upon request. These technical revisions do not in any way constitute an official endorsement of national communications. They are intended to provide feedback for improving technical studies and national communications before submission to the UNFCCC secretariat.

32. Information exchange among countries is another important component of the Support Programme. A quarterly newsletter, a web site, and an electronic LISTSERV have been developed for this purpose. Inputs from non-Annex I Parties are critical to ensure that the programme is addressing countries' needs and priorities in preparing their national

communications. Through the newsletter, national experts can publish short articles on their climate change studies that may be of global interest. Fifteen countries have already published in the five editions of this newsletter. The newsletter is available in English, French and Spanish.

33. The LISTSERV has been developed to facilitate the exchange of information among experts. Countries are encouraged to make use of the server, as this constitutes an effective way of seeking advice on particular issues and providing feedback on an *ad hoc* basis. The requests that countries have posted on the LISTSERV range from calls for consultants to asking for information on models.

34. The Support Programme's web site (www.undp.org/cc/) also disseminates information on climate change and national communications and provides links to other sites, including regional and national web sites. Electronic discussion groups may be developed through this web site, possibly by region. This initiative, along with strengthening the use of the LISTSERV, seeks to enhance information exchange on the preparation of national communications, as well as to facilitate discussions in preparation for the regional workshops.

35. As countries complete their national communications and the Support Programme carries out its different activities, new issues and priorities are identified. The active participation of project coordinators and national experts is needed to ensure that countries' priorities are met and that national capacities on climate change are enhanced.

I. Other activities

36. Pursuant to decision 12/CP.4, the secretariat has developed a small database containing a "List of projects submitted by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12.4 of the Convention". From September 2000 onwards, the list of projects will be made available on the UNFCCC secretariat web site, on a regular basis, through a user-friendly interface with special search facilities.

37. Also pursuant to decision 12/CP.4, the UNFCCC secretariat has been in close consultation with the GEF secretariat on the GEF review of enabling activities on climate change. This included comments on different materials and on a questionnaire being prepared by the GEF monitoring and evaluation staff. Discussions took place during a visit to the UNFCCC secretariat of the GEF secretariat monitoring and evaluation staff, who included the team leader for the GEF review of enabling activities on climate change.

38. The secretariat has continued to provide comments on all GEF enabling activities project proposals, particularly on their consistency with the Convention and with the guidance of the COP. Additionally, the secretariat has provided technical comments on other climate change project proposals whenever possible.

39. The secretariat has, in addition, attended the "GEF Workshop on Good Practices in Country Level Coordination", organized by the GEF secretariat in Washington DC, from 14 to15 March 2000. The objectives of this workshop were to respond to a GEF Council request to appraise information and to exchange views on mechanisms for strengthening coordination of GEF-related matters at the country level. Outputs of the workshop include possible policy guidelines on how countries may improve the effectiveness of the GEF operational focal points and national level coordination. The UNFCCC secretariat's presentation addressed three main issues: (a) national coordination for project elaboration, monitoring and implementation; (b) coordination of financial and technical assistance for different projects and activities; and (c) synergies among different environment conventions. The secretariat, on request, provided an overview of the main decisions and outcomes of COP 5 of relevance to the workshop discussions.

40. Finally, the secretariat has continued to respond promptly to frequent requests by non-Annex I Parties for advice or guidance related to financial and technical support for the implementation of their enabling activities. Copies of initial national communications submitted by non-Annex I Parties have also been made available on request.

III. CONCLUSIONS

41. The number of initial national communications submitted has almost doubled from 13 to 25, since the last UNFCCC secretariat report of August 1999. Most non-Annex I Parties have yet to submit their initial national communications, but a majority of these communications are expected within this year.

42. Some of the countries that have submitted their initial national communications have expressed interest in starting the process of preparing second national communications and have requested financial assistance from the GEF to strengthen activities initiated in the preparation of initial national communications.

43. The secretariat has been facilitating work on the establishment of the consultative group of experts. Members of the group are being appointed. The first regional workshop for the Latin America and Caribbean countries is scheduled and an electronic LISTSERV has been made available for the group representatives. The group is expected to have its first meeting during the week preceding the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

44. The "Third Forum on Emission Factors and Activity Data of Greenhouse Gas Inventories of non-Annex I Parties" concluded that the main problems encountered in the preparation of GHG inventories are data availability and reliability, the lack or insufficiency of national capacity for data collection, classification, management and analysis and the need for developing local emission factors. Participants also agreed that the project concept notes on the improvement of local and regional emission factors and activity data in the energy and the land-use change and forestry sectors need to be further developed for GEF - or where appropriate, bilateral or multilateral funding.

45. Presentations and conclusions from workshops indicated that the process of preparing initial national communication constitutes a major institutional and human capacity-building effort in non-Annex I Parties. Parties acknowledged that national communications are an important tool for developing national climate change strategy and for incorporating climate change concerns into planning. Countries' presentations also showed that the process of preparing initial national communications has allowed them to develop varying and unique national institutional arrangements, such as national climate change committees, project management units, project steering committees and technical working groups. Parties have stressed the need to continue financial and technical assistance for the preparation of initial national communications.

46. All workshops identified the need to enable developing country experts to participate more actively in international negotiations. In addition, the need to improve regional cooperation was stressed in the conclusions of the Gulf Cooperation Council GHG inventory workshop and the "Twelfth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean".

47. The secretariat has continued to strengthen and promote information exchange activities. The secretariat web site is more interactive, providing links to other sites, training material and technical papers relevant to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties. The secretariat is planning to make some of its databases directly available on the web site and to make information available in French. Twenty non-Annex I Parties have their national web sites linked to the secretariat. The secretariat has continued to disseminate the CC:INFO/Web Tutorial Kit 1.0 on CD-ROM in order to encourage more Parties to develop and link their national web sites to that of the secretariat.

48. The CC:TRAIN programme finalized its Phase II at COP 5. It is now continuing to provide training services at cost to requesting Parties and is planning for Phase III of its project life. The programme is seeking funds to further develop its training materials and certificate courses by integrating the additional information and knowledge developed at regional and national levels and by anticipating Parties' needs as they move along in the UNFCCC process.

49. The NCSP has continued to provide assistance to non-Annex I Parties through the organization of thematic and regional workshops, the provision of direct technical assistance, and the development of means for exchanging information, including a newsletter, a hotline, and a web site. The NSCP has played an important role in promoting the quality, comprehensiveness and timeliness of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties, and ensuring timely and cost-effective implementation of GEF projects on climate change enabling activities. As countries complete their national communications and the NCSP carries out its different activities, new issues and priorities for assistance are identified. There is an urgent need to ensure longer-term continuation of the NCSP in order to sustain activities initiated in the process of preparation of initial national communications. The NCSP may also play an important role in the process of preparation of second national communications.

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Information on relevant action by the Global Environment Facility

Note by the secretariat

1. The Conference of the Parties, by its decision 10/CP.2, requested the secretariat to make available to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at each of its sessions, details of the financial support made available to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism for the preparation of their initial communications, including projects in this regard proposed by each Party, the funding decisions and the date and amount of funds made available to the Party (FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1 para. 1 (b)).

2. The SBI, at its tenth session, asked the secretariat to request the GEF secretariat to make available the dates of disbursement of funds for enabling activity projects for the preparation of initial national communications by non-Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBI/1999/8 para. 32 (b)).

3. The attached table contains information obtained from the secretariat of the GEF[1] and includes the date of disbursement, as requested by the SBI.

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[1] The information attached to this note is reproduced as received, without formal editing. The secretariat has made every effort to ensure the correct reproduction of the text submitted.

4. Parties may wish to note that according to the GEF secretariat, projects described in the attached table are divided into those approved under the expedited procedures, as well as full projects approved under standard procedures. The remaining projects are those covering limited components of first national communications from non-Annex I Parties.

GEF PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF INITIAL NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

BY NON-ANNEX I PARTIES

As of March 31, 2000

COUNTRY*	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	DATE OF COUNTRY ENDORSEMENT[2]	DATE OF GEF COUNCIL APPROVAL[2]	DATE OF PROJECT DOCUMENT SIGNATURE BY AGENCY[2]	DATE OF FIRST DISBURSEMENT[3]	AMOUNT OF GEF ALLOCATION (IN US$ MILLIONS)	COMMENTS
			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Albania	UNDP	Enabling Albania to prepare its First National Communication	5/15/96	7/30/96	4/6/98	12/96	0.28	Project under implementation.
Algeria	UNDP	Enabling Algeria to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	8/8/96	1/22/98	2/11/98	6/1998	0.20	Project under implementation.
Antigua and Barbuda	UNDP	Enabling Antigua and Barbuda to prepare its First National Communication in response to UNFCCC commitments	4/16/97	7/21/97	12/19/97	6/1998	0.16	Project under implementation.

* Asterisk indicates Least Developed Country status (Source: Human Development Report 1999, UNDP, website: http://www.undp.org/hdro/report.html); brackets indicate change to Annex I status.

[2] Month/Day/Year (or Month/Year)

[3] Month/Year of financial statement report in which first disbursement is recorded. Actual disbursement would have occurred in fiscal quarter preceding the date.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Azerbaijan	UNDP	Enabling Azerbaijan to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	12/26/96	7/16/97	12/25/97	6/1998	0.33	Project under implementation.
Bahamas	UNDP	Enabling The Bahamas to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	10/22/96	8/26/97	12/2/97	9/1998	0.19	Project under implementation.
Bahrain	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/17/97	10/1/97	11/10/97	11/13/97	0.34	Work undergoing on GHG Inventory.
Bangladesh*	UNEP	Preparation of Initial National Communication in response to UNFCCC	1/11/99	3/15/99	8/9/99	---	0.18	
Barbados	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of First National Communication	11/20/96	10/31/97	5/18/98	Disbursement data awaited	0.19	Project under implementation.
Belize	UNDP	Enabling Belize to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/3/97	1/8/98	6/9/98	12/ 1998	0.19	Project under implementation.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Benin*	UNDP	**Enabling Benin to Prepare the First National Communications in response to commitments to the UNFCCC**	9/26/97	9/3/98	---	--- (UNDP not approved commitment yet)	0.10	Project document under preparation.
Bolivia	UNDP	**Enabling Bolivia to Prepare its First National Communication in response to commitments to the UNFCCC**	6/24/98	7/7/98	9/1/98	--- (UNDP not approved commitment yet)	0.19	Project under implementation.
Burkina Faso*	UNDP	**Enabling Burkina Faso to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC**	10/10/96	5/19/97	1/27/98	12/1997	0.24	Project under implementation.
Burundi*	UNDP	**Preparation of the First National Communication to the UNFCCC**	8/27/98	9/18/98	1/19/99	9/1999	0.35	Signature of project document pending.
Cambodia*	UNDP	**Enabling Activity for the preparation of First National Communication**	11/12/96	3/24/97	8/24/98	9/1998	0.34	Project under implementation.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Cameroon	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	12/26/96	7/16/97	8/29/97	5/98	0.27	Project under implementation
Cape Verde*	UNDP	Enabling Cape Verde to Prepare its first National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/26/96	3/18/97	8/21/97	12/1997	0.32	Project under implementation.
Chad	UNDP	Enabling Chad to Prepare its first National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/13/99	8/23/99			0.10	
Central African Republic*	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	7/17/97	8/26/97	11/20/97	8/98	0.35	Project under implementation.
Chile	UNDP	Enabling Chile to fulfil its commitments to the UNFCCC	5/30/96	8/30/96	4/11/97	12/1997	0.35	Initial National Communication submitted in February 2000
Colombia	UNDP	Enabling Colombia to fulfil its commitments to the UNFCCC		6/24/99			0.35	

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Comoros*	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Preparation of Initial National Communication related to the UNFCCC	2/2/98	11/6/98	1/99	2/99	0.31	Project under implementation.
Congo	UNDP	Preparation of the First National Communication to the UNFCCC	12/16/97	9/18/98	2/15/99	Disbursement data awaited	0.32	Signature of project document pending.
Côte d'Ivoire	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	12/11/97	3/26/98	5/4/98	5/98	0.32	Project management team established.
Cuba	UNDP	Enabling Cuba to Prepare its initial National Communication to the UNFCCC	7/21/98	8/18/98	3/5/99		0.15	Project under implementation.
Djibouti	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC		11/23/98			0.35	
Dominica	UNDP	Enabling the Commonwealth of Dominica to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	10/30/97	1/6/98	2/12/98	12/1998	0.17	Project under implementation.

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				I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES				
Dominican Republic	UNDP	Enabling Dominican Republic to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC		3/29/99			0.35	
Ecuador	UNDP	Enabling Ecuador to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC		3/29/99			0.22	
El Salvador	UNDP	Enabling El Salvador to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	1/9/97	3/24/97	9/9/97	9/1997	0.32	Project under implementation.
Eritrea*	UNDP	Enabling Eritrea to prepare its first national communication	7/5/96	9/4/96	4/98	12/1997	0.30	Project under implementation.
Ethiopia*	UNDP	Enabling Ethiopia to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	2/11/97	5/19/97	7/27/98	9/1997	0.21	Project under implementation.
Gabon	UNDP	Preparation of the First National Communication to the UNFCCC	1/21/98	9/10/98	3/4/99	... (UNDP not approved commitment yet)	0.32	Project under implementation.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Gambia, The*	UNDP	Enabling Gambia to prepare its first National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/12/96	3/24/97	11/17/97	6/1997	0.14	Project under implementation.
Georgia	UNDP	Enabling Georgia to fulfil its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/24/96	9/4/96	1/20/97	6/1997	0.33	Project under implementation. National Communication submitted in August 1999.
Ghana	UNDP	Preparation of Initial National Communication for the Implementation of the UNFCCC	4/9/97	7/16/97	1/98	9/1997	0.10	National Communication to be submitted.
Grenada	UNDP	Enabling Grenada to prepare its initial National Communication in Response to its commitments to the UNFCCC	7/21/98	8/26/98	12/11/98	6/1999	0.18	Project under implementation.
Guatemala	UNDP	Enabling Guatemala to Prepare Its First National Communication in Response to Its Commitments to the UNFCCC	11/18/96	3/24/97	1/13/98	6/1998	0.33	Project under implementation.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Guinea*	UNDP	**Enabling Guinea to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC**	2/7/97	5/19/97	2/9//98	6/1998	0.35	Project under implementation.
Guinea Bissau*	UNDP	**Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication**	2/97	6/5/97	...	9/1999	0.35	On hold.
Guyana	UNDP	**Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication**	9/30/97	10/27/97	6/5/98	12/1998	0.20	Project under implementation.
Haiti*	UNEP	**Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC**	11/25/97	1/26/98	4/24/98		0.35	Project under implementatio
Honduras	UNDP	**Enabling Honduras to Prepare Its First National Communication in Response to Its Commitments to the UNFCCC**	8/6/97	3/24/97	11/7/97	12/1997	0.33	Project under implementation.
Indonesia	UNDP	**Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication**	8/29/97	11/13/97	7/28/98	12/1998	0.23	Project under implementation. Initial National Communication submitted in October 30, 1999

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Iran	UNDP	Enabling Iran to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	2/11/97	6/24/97	9/97	12/98	0.35	Project under implementation
Jamaica	UNDP	Enabling Jamaica to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/3/97	1/9/98	3/9/98	Disbursement data awaited	0.23	Project under implementation
Jordan	UNDP	Vulnerability and Adaptation Study	—	12/15/97	Add on to main project (see page 19)	—	0.09	Initial National Communication submitted in March 1997.
Kenya	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Preparation of initial National Communication Related to the UNFCCC	10/23/98	10/27/98	3/99	7/99	0.17	Project under implementation
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	UNDP	Enabling the DPRK to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	1/17/94	1/23/97	4/3/97	12/1997	0.15	Project under implementation
Lesotho*	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/21/96	9/4/96	11/14/96	12/96	0.35	Initial National Communication finalized

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				I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES				
Madagascar	UNDP	Enabling Madagascar to prepare its first communication in response to its commitments to the UNFCCC		6/24/99			0.35	
Malawi*	UNDP	Enabling Malawi to prepare its first communication in response to its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/6/96	3/18/97	5/22/98	9/97	0.19	Project under implementation
Mali*	UNDP	Enabling Mali to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/3/97	7/16/97	1/9/98	6/1998	0.10	Project under implementation
Malta	UNDP	Enabling Malta to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC		11/9/99			0.26	
Mauritania*	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	2/4/97	7/22/97	2/4/98	2/98	0.35	Training Workshop on GHG Inventory held in May 1998

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Mauritius	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/17/97	7/17/97	8/7/97	11/98	0.14	Initial National Communication submitted in May 1999.
Moldova	UNDP	Enabling Moldova to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	7/7/97	8/15/97	12/22/97	6/1998	0.33	Project under implementation.
Mongolia	UNEP	Preparation of initial national communication in response to the UNFCCC	9/23/98	10/5/98	11/12/98	11/98	0.24	Project under implementation.
Morocco	UNDP	Enabling Morocco to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC		10/6/99			0.14	
Mozambique*	UNDP	Enabling Mozambique to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	10/96	7/16/97	2/98	9/1997	0.22	Project under implementation.
Nepal*	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	1/12/98	3/4/98	8/99	Disbursement data awaited	0.31	Project implementation begun 8/99.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
Nicaragua	UNDP	Enabling Nicaragua to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	4/3/97	2/3/98	7/14/98	9/1998	0.30	Project under implementation.
Niger*	UNDP	Enabling Niger to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	9/2/96	8/25/97	4/1//98	12/1997	0.35	Project under implementation.
Nigeria	UNDP	Enabling Activities for the Implementation of UNFCCC	8/7/96	3/18/97	10/23/97	12/1997	0.26	Project under implementation.
Niue	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	7/23/97	9/29/97	11/11/97	7/98	0.30	Inventory, Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation work under implementation.
Pakistan	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the Preparation of the Initial National Communication Related to the UNFCCC	11/28/98	12/2/98	2/9/99	2/99	0.27	

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I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES								
Panama	UNDP	Enabling Panama to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	7/14/97	8/25/97	11/8/98	12/1998	0.30	Project under implementation.
Paraguay	UNDP	Enabling Paraguay to Prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	6/25/98	7/27/98	2/22/99	Disbursement data awaited	0.19	Project under implementation.
Peru	UNDP	Enabling Peru to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/9/97	7/16/97	2/4/98	6/1998	0.20	Project under implementation.
Philippines	UNDP	Enabling the Philippines to Prepare A National Communication Program in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/15/97	7/24/97	11/27/97	12/1997	0.15	Project under implementation.
St. Kitts & Nevis	UNDP	Enabling St. Kitts & Nevis to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	12/19/97	2/3/98	10/8/98	Disbursement data awaited	0.16	Project under implementation.

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I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES								
St. Lucia	UNDP	Enabling St. Lucia to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	5/15/96	8/6/97	7/16/98	12/1998	0.17	Project under implementation.
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	World Bank	Enabling St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	3/16/98	4/28/98	---	---	0.35	The initial national communications to be completed.
Senegal	UNDP	Enabling Senegal to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	6/97	8/25/97	11/28/97	12/1997	0.07	Initial National Communication submitted in December 1997.
Seychelles	UNDP	Enabling Seychelles to prepare its first national communication	11/16/95	7/30/96	12/3/96	9/1997	0.25	Last stage of implementation.
Sierra Leone*	UNDP	Enabling Sierra Leone to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	7/9/96	9/11/96	---	Disbursement data awaited	0.31	Project document completion.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
South Africa	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	4/17/98	6/1/98	10/16/98	10/98	0.32	Project commenced.
Sri Lanka	UNDP	Enabling Sri Lanka to prepare its first national communication	6/7/96	3/2/97	11/4/97	12/1997	0.11	Project under implementation.
Suriname	UNDP	Enabling Suriname to prepare its initial National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/19/98	9/10/98	10/19/98	Disbursement data awaited	0.35	Project under implementation.
Swaziland	UNDP	Enabling Activity for implementation of the UNFCCC	11/22/96	3/18/97	11/28/7	(3) 1997	0.30	Project under implementation.
Tanzania*	UNEP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	5/2/97	7/17/97	8/30/97	3/98	0.25	Initial National Communication being finalized.
Thailand	UNDP	Enabling Thailand to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	9/22/97	11/13/97	6/5/98	(3) 1998	0.19	Project under implementation.

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			I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES					
The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	UNDP	Enabling the F.Y.R. of Macedonia to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	10/8/98	2/5/99	---	---	0.35	Project document under preparation.
Togo*	UNDP	Enabling Togo to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	2/20/97	6/18/97	4/98		0.34	Project under implementation.
Tonga	UNDP	Enabling Tonga to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC		10/27/99			0.32	
Trinidad & Tobago	UNDP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	1/5/98	1/22/98	5/18/98	6/1999	0.22	Project under implementation.
Turkmenistan	UNEP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	5/13/97	6/17/97	8/11/97	1/98	0.35	GHG Inventories finalized.
Uganda*	UNDP	Enabling Uganda to prepare its first national communications	8/22/95	7/30/96	12/28/97	6/1997	0.08	Project under implementation.

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I. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES								
Vietnam	UNEP	Preparation of initial national communication related to the UNFCCC	5/29/98	11/6/98	3/99	3/99	0.21	Project under implementation.
Yemen*	UNDP	Enabling Yemen to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/22/97	5/19/97	8/12/97	9/1998	0.20	Project under implementation.
Zambia*	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	11/14/96	4/24/97	6/23/97	7/98	0.26	Draft Initial National Communication being finalized.
Zimbabwe	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	11/4/96	2/7/97	3/7/97	2/98	0.09	Initial National Communication submitted in May 1998.

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II. FULL PROJECTS (Standard approval procedures)								
Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Fed. States of Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa*, Solomon Islands*, Tuvalu, Vanuatu*.	UNDP	Pacific Island Climate Change Assistance Project (PICCAP)	N.A. Multi-Country Project	3/20/97	4/8/97	6/96	2.44	Project working closely with CC:Train (Phase 2). Niue participated in PICCAP with its own resources. Micronesia submitted its Initial National Communication in December 1997 and the following countries submitted theirs in October 1999: Cook Islands,; Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Samoa, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
Argentina	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	12/7/94	1/17/96	2/16/96	6/1996	1.00	Initial National Communication submitted in July 1997.
Armenia	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	3/31/95	12/15/95	5/7/96	12/1996	0.35	Initial National Communication Submitted in November 1998.
Bhutan*, Kingdom of	UNDP	Bhutan National Greenhouse Gas Project	1/30/96	6/26/96	8/13/96	6/1997	0.30	Project under implementation.

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II. FULL PROJECTS (Standard approval procedures)								
Botswana	UNDP	Enabling Botswana to fulfill its commitments to the UNFCCC	11/18/94	8/14/96	9/5/96	9/96	0.35	Project under implementation.
Brazil	UNDP	Enabling Brazil to fulfill its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/31/95	6/14/96	8/1/96	12/96	1.50	Project under implementation.
China	UNDP	China's Initial National Communication: Needs Assessment and Enabling Activity Preparation	5/15/98	10.98			0.32	Project preparation completed. The project for China to prepare its first national communication is subject to approval by GEF Council May, 2000
Costa Rica	UNDP	Building National Technical Capacity to Develop Options for GHG emissions reductions and carbon sinks enhancement	12/8/94	6/7/96	6/14/96	12/96	0.47	Project under implementation.
Congo*, Democratic Republic of	UNDP	Enabling DR Congo to fulfil its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/17/95	3/7/97	7/97	Disbursement data awaited	0.35	Project under implementation.
Egypt	UNDP	Building Capacity for GHG Inventory and Action Plans in Egypt	11/16/94	4/22/96	6/12/96	12/96	0.40	Initial National Communication submitted in July 99

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			II. FULL PROJECTS (Standard approval procedures)					
India	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the Preparation of India's Initial commitments to the UNFCCC	9/28/99	12/17/99			2.00	
Jordan	UNDP	Capacity Building to enable response to the UNFCCC	11/12/94	10/17/95	4/18/96	9/96	0.24	Additional top-up for US$87,500 for vulnerability and adaptation incorporated into original activities. Initial National Communication submitted March, 1997. Remaining components under completion.
Lao People's Democratic Republic*	UNDP	National GHG Inventory Project	7/19/95	7/29/96	3/97	6/97	0.31	Project under implementation.
Lebanon	UNDP	Building capacity for GHG Inventory and Action Plans in response to the UNFCCC.	3/11/95	7/11/96	12/11/96	9/97	0.29	Initial National Communication submitted November 1999.
Malaysia	UNDP	National GHG Inventory and Response to the UNFCCC	4/1/95	9/13/96	10/30/96	12/97	0.47	Project under implementation.

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II. FULL PROJECTS (Standard approval procedures)								
Maldives*	UNDP	National GHG Inventory and Adaptation Assessment to climate change	10/29/94	10/4/96	11/16/96	6/97	0.86	Project under implementation.
Mexico	UNDP	Development of GHG Emission Coefficients from Live Systems in Central Mexico & development of a related information management system	12/2/94	6/7/96	10/29/96	12/96	0.31	Initial National Communication submitted in December 1997.
Papua New Guinea	UNDP	Climate Change Assistance Project	1/17/96	12/30/96	1/98	9/98	0.35	Project under implementation.
Sudan*	UNDP	Capacity Building to enable the Sudan's response and communication to the UNFCCC.	3/20/95	10/3/96	2/4/97	12/97	0.29	Project under implementation.
Tunisia	UNDP	National Strategy and Action Plans for emission reduction and communications under the UNFCCC.	2/3/95	8/14/96	9/6/96	---	0.57	Project under implementation.
Uruguay	UNDP	Institutional strengthening and enabling activities to comply with the UNFCCC.	11/25/94	11/13/95	12/18/96	6/96	0.70	Initial National communication submitted in October 1997.

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II. FULL PROJECTS (Standard approval procedures)								
Uzbekistan	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	8/7/95	1/2/97	4/2/97	6/97	0.33	Project under implementation

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III. PROJECTS COVERING LIMITED COMPONENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ANNEX I PARTIES								
Global	UNDP/UNEP	National Communications Support Programme	N.A.	3/31/98	---	N.A.	3.20	The following workshops (WS) have taken place or are scheduled: 5 WS on Inventories for Africa , Central America, Europe and CIS, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific. 6 WS on Abatement for Central America, Europe and CIS, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Africa . One WS scheduled for South America . 6 WS on vulnerability and adaptation (V&A) for the Caribbean, Central America, Europe and CIS, the Arab States and Africa. 2 regional exchange WS for Africa, and Central America. One WS on V&A assessment for the Caribbean. One WS on the GHG inventory for the LUCF sector Central America. One WS on abatement scheduled for South America. 6 regional exchange WS scheduled for Africa, Europe and CIS, Small Island States, Asia, Arab States, and South America.

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III. PROJECTS COVERING LIMITED COMPONENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ANNEX I PARTIES								
Antigua Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago	World Bank	Regional (CARICOM) Planning for Adaptation to Climate Change	N.A. Multi-Country Project	2/10/97	03/13/97	N.A.	6.30	
Antigua and Barbuda, Cameroon, (Estonia), Pakistan	UNEP	Country Studies on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Assessment	N.A. Multi-Country Project	2/96	5/1/96	N.A.	2.00	Project completed. All country reports submitted.
Argentina, Ecuador, (Estonia), (Hungary), Indonesia, Mauritius, Senegal, Vietnam	UNEP	Economics of GHG Limitation: Methodological Framework for Climate Change Mitigation Assessment	N.A. Multi-Country Project	1/18/96	3/18/96	N.A.	3.00	Under implementation. Training workshops held Aug. 96, May 97. Senegal submitted its Initial National Communication November 1997.

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III. PROJECTS COVERING LIMITED COMPONENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ANNEX I PARTIES								
Benin°, Bolivia, Chad°, Cook Islands, Cuba, Ecuador, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Solomon Islands°, Tuvalu, Vanuatu°, Samoa°	UNDP	**Climate Change Capacity Building: CC: TRAIN: Phase II**	N.A. Multi Country project	3/26/96	3/27/96	N.A.	2.70	All Regional Training Workshops now completed. Operating in parallel with PICCAP for Pacific countries. Operating in close collaboration with activities undertaken by UNDP Sub-Saharan Africa capacity building project.
Vietnam (& Lithuania)	UNDP	Climate Change Capacity Building	N.A.	—	—	N.A.	0.90	

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III. PROJECTS COVERING LIMITED COMPONENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ANNEX I PARTIES								
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, & Tunisia	UNDP	Building Capacity in the Maghreb to respond to the challenges and opportunities created by the UNFCCC	N.A.	5/93	12/7/94	N.A.	2.50	Under implementation. Training activities and workshops on CC issues held regularly. Second TPR meeting held May 27, 1998.
Bangladesh*, China, Indonesia, Korea (DPR), Korea (RO)[1], Mongolia, Myanmar*, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand & Vietnam	UNDP	Asia Least-cost GHG Abatement Strategy (ALGAS)	N.A.	12/91	8/18/94	N.A.	9.50	Project operations for 10 of 12 countries have been completed. The Final Project Review Board meeting took place April 1999. A donor consultative meeting was held early 1999. Korea (RO) submitted its Initial National Communication February 1998.
Costa Rica, Gambia*, Mexico, Morocco, (Poland), Senegal, Tanzania*, Uganda*, Venezuela	UNEP	Country Case Studies on Sources and Sinks of Greenhouse Gases	N.A.	11/91	9/28/92	N.A.	4.50	Project completed in March 1997.

[1] The Republic of Korea participated in Asia Least-cost GHG Abatement Strategy (ALGAS) at its own expense.

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III. PROJECTS COVERING LIMITED COMPONENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ANNEX I PARTIES								
Ghana, Kenya, Mali and Zimbabwe	UNDP	Building capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa to respond to the UNFCCC	N.A.	12/92	8/16/95	N.A.	2.00	Activities completed. Final evaluation mission in October 1998 concluded that project had successfully achieved all objectives. Results were presented at the COP4 in November 1998 and were very well received by all participants.
China	UNDP	Issues and Options in GHG emissions control	N.A.	5/91	3/6/92	---	2.00	Project completed in April 1995 and provides a framework for identifying new GEF climate change projects in China.
India	UNDP	Cost-Effective Options for Limiting GHG emissions	N.A.	5/93	6/4/98	12/98	1.50	Project under implementation. Top-up proposal to complete national communications is in the pipeline.

Terms used in the Table

'Date of GEF Council Approval': For 'Expedited Procedure Projects', 'Date of Council Approval' is the date of CEO approval.

'Disbursement data awaited': Disbursement data not yet available for approved commitment by the Implementing Agency (through September 31, 1999).

'Expedited Procedure Projects':	Projects approved using 'Expedited Procedures' whereby CEO approves project under authority delegated to him by the GEF Council.
'First Date of Disbursement':	Data available until September 1999. The data is drawn from the relevant quarterly financial statement report submitted by the Implementing Agency to the Trustee. The first date of disbursement therefore indicates the date of the quarterly financial report in which the first disbursement under the project is reported to the Trustee. (see Explanatory Notes). Actual disbursement would have occurred earlier in quarter preceding the date of the report.
'N.A.':	Not applicable
'Pilot Phase Projects':	Projects that were approved before the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF was accepted in March 1994.
'Projects Approved through Standard Procedures':	Projects approved under the full project cycle of the restructured GEF, including approval by the Council.

Explanatory Notes

UNDP disbursement data:	Note that UNDP does not prepare a quarterly financial report in March. UNDP began submitting quarterly financial reports in September 1995.

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Note by the secretariat

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its fifth session (COP 5), by decision 10/CP.5,[1] requested the UNFCCC secretariat "to report to the subsidiary bodies, at their twelfth sessions, on progress in the review by the GEF of its enabling activities".

2. At its eleventh session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the representative of the GEF secretariat that the GEF review of enabling activities would be completed by COP 6 and requested that a progress report be submitted to the SBI at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/1999/14, para. 57 (d)).

3. As a response to these requests, a report has been submitted by the GEF secretariat and is contained in the annex of document FCCC/SB/2000/INF.4.

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[1] For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session see document FCCC/CP/1999/6/Add.1.